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of the Director

It seems hard to believe that the year has flown by so quickly. In my last column I was reminding everyone that reservations for Gathering were due. It's hard to believe that Gathering has come and gone as well as the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee. These are two of the largest events we have to prepare for during the year and naturally, they fall back to back.

Gathering was a great event once again. Over 70 people were here at one point or another and most seemed to have a good time, attending workshops, doing research, relaxing, visiting and, of course, eating! We hope those who attended were pleased and we would like to invite your comments or suggestions for the coming year. Our goal is to make this YOUR Gathering and to meet the needs of the participants. Please e-mail your suggestions to hcpd@hackerscreek.com or phone us at the Library. Our hat's off to Eva **NEWLON** for the great job she did in organizing Gathering in her first year as our Vice President.

We have also survived another Stonewall Jackson Jubilee. Our book sales and sarsaparilla sale both went well and we made some dollars to add to the budget for the coming year. This is also a giant undertaking and I want to thank all of those who helped in any way.

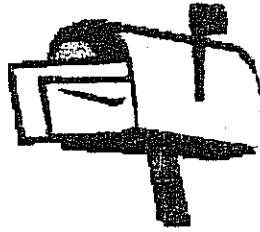
As fall approaches, we are looking forward to accomplishing several things. We have another volume of Yesteryears almost ready for publication. The long-awaited death records of Lewis County are currently being processed and hopefully we will soon have a volume of that available for sale.

Hope everyone has a lovely autumn.

Betty Ann

From

the **MAILBOX**



Dear Joy,

As you may have heard by now, the Board of Directors of Law Chapel approved the painting of the chapel rather than install vinyl siding. The windows will remain the same at this time.

The decision was not without controversy. Most of those who had given in support of the siding requested that their donation be returned. We are now attempting to raise the funds necessary for painting and repair. The estimated cost is \$3,800.

Any donation would be appreciated. Membership status in Law Chapel Cemetery Association requires a donation of \$10/year. Membership may be paid ahead. Life membership is granted after \$250 or more is given.

Some of those involved with Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants may have relatives who attended the church. Some may wish to just support our efforts to preserve an old church. Donations may be sent to me at RR 3, Box 26, Salem, WV 26426. Phone is 304-782-3126.

Judy BEE

Editor's Note: HCPD has twice had their Sunday services at Law Chapel, the most recent time being in 2006. Our donations to the church those two years have placed us on their mailing list.

George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour
in Company & Conversation

At the age of 14, George Washington wrote down 110 rules under the above title. I found a book of them in the Cincinnati airport several months ago. I find them to be excellent filler for things like the HCJ.

"Shift not yourself in the sight of others nor gnaw your nails."

- George Washington



A Search Angel Story!

One of My Many Search Angels By David CARTWRIGHT

For a number of years I had been hunting for any information at all about Grace **MARPLE**, daughter of Granville Dexter **MARPLE**, my gg grandfather. According to the Don **NORMAN** files, she had married a Rev. S. W. **DEAN** and someplace I had found that they were in Kansas at one time. Otherwise, I knew nothing about them. While doing a search in 2004 of different Kansas county sites I came across the following:

Author: John F. **BIGL**

Subject: **DEAN, MARPLE**

Date: 03/30/1998

Email: jbigl@jlc.net

Mailing address (optional):

Query:

I've recently come in to possession of several letters, diaries, etc. dated 1880's thru 1917 regards a John Sheridan Webster **DEAN**.

Mr. **DEAN** was a traveling Methodist Minister in Kansas and Nebraska. He passed away in 1917 while living in Baldwin City. He is father to Grace, d.o.b.?; Elsie, d.o.b.?; John G. W., d.o.b 1893; Wendell Huntington, d.o.b. 1904 and Lois, d.o.b. 1908. His wife's name was Grace **MARPLE**.

Mr. **DEAN** and his wife were from Upshur County, W.Va. He served in the Civil War, was a W. Va. State Rep; College Professor at The W.Va. Uni and Penn State.

I'm sure these letters may be of value to his desendants, if any, in Kansas. Would you know of any person researching the **DEAN** family? I'd very much like to find his desendants and send these letters etc to them.

I immediately emailed John F. **BIGL** and as you would expect, he had changed his email address after six years. I then did a white pages search. Nothing! Then a Google search and bless him for having an unusual name. Mr. **BIGL** had posted to a site using his full name and a reference to the U. U. Congregational Church in Milford, NH. A search for Milford, NH came up with a city site and a link to that church. I emailed the church and asked them to put me in touch with Mr. **BIGL**. The next evening I had an email from him and when I opened it, it said "My, my, this is the day I have been waiting on" and gave me a phone number.

Almost tripping and falling on the way to the phone, of course I called. We visited for 45 minutes and he told me more about the **DEANS** than I could ever have imagined, even though he wasn't related in anyway. He told me about the letters, photos and books that he had purchased in an antique shop in New Hampshire which had belonged to Rev. **DEAN**. (I don't think we will ever find out how they got from Kansas to New Hampshire). I then inquired as to a possible purchase of these. They were not for sale, but he would give them to me. I offered to at least pay the postage and was again turned down. About a week later a gray package weighing seventeen pounds arrived by UPS. I think my wife, Karen Sue, thought it might be suspicious, especially since it was completely covered by duct tape. Inside were eleven diaries hand written by Rev. **DEAN** when he was in Kansas and Nebraska, many letters from his time in the West Virginia Legislature, books and some family correspondence.

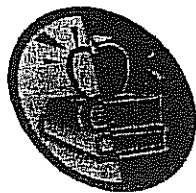
Just a little about John Sheridan Webster **DEAN**. He was born 7 Mar 1848 at Kesling Mill (now Upshur County) the son of Marshall and Louisa **KESLING DEAN** and grandson of John and Catherine Heavner **DEAN**. He served in the 3rd West Virginia Cavalry, was (according to his obit) the first student to attend WVU from Upshur Co., and was elected to the Legislature for the 1885-1886 term. He studied in England and Germany, made a trip to Rome and acquired two masters degrees and two doctorates. He seems to have been very instrumental in West Virginia University becoming co-educational. After going west, he served as a trustee of Nebraska Wesleyan and was Presiding Elder in the Kansas Conference and Nebraska Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church as well as pasturing many ME Churches in Kansas and Nebraska.

So, John F. **BIGL** is my "Search Angel"

When you are 50+

Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?

A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take off your glasses.



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The following are new donations to the HCPD Library
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SHELF	TITLE	DONOR
OS-94	These United States	Changed from US 279
OS-95	Iowa Atals & Gazateer	Rebecca BRIESMORE
OS-96	Broad Run Baptist Church – Ministers Records	Alberta DENNISON
JO-25	Hacker's Creek Journal 2006-2007	
OB-104B	Weston Democrat Obits 2006	Gerald HANNON
OB-126K	Clarksburg Exponent Obits 2006	Eva NEWLON
OB-126L	Clarksburg Exponent Obits 2006	Eva NEWLON
OB-126M	Clarksburg Exponent Obits 2006	Eva NEWLON
CH-55	Purpose Driven Life	
CH-56	Receiving God's Love	
CH-57	St. Matthew United Methodist Church	
CH-58	Church Records Guide	Joy STALNAKER
CS-62D	Upshur CD 1920 Census	
FA-988	Descendants of Isaac Gregory	Nettie GREGORY
FA-989	Abbott Family	Karen KING
FA-990	Thomas Brown & Julie Cox	Mary ALVAREZ
FA-991	Isaac Fleming & Sarah Hiser	Kathleen FLEMING
FA-992	Fox Family	Cary & Donna WILLIAMS
FA-993	Goddin Family Genealogy	Martha CAGE
FA-994	Hacker-Townsend-West-Allen-Stout & Alexander	
FA-995	Edward & Thomas Wolfe	Chg from FA-905
FA-996	Newlon-Haggerty	Eva NEWLON
FA-997	Jackson's of Parkersburg	Jackson Brigade
FA-998	McCartney & Allied Families	Patricia VIELLENAVE
FA-999	William Rice & His Descendants	
FA-1000	Archibald Whip & Ann Moore	REEL Family
FA-1001	House of Straley	May WHITE
FA-1003	McKinney Family History	William MCKINNEY
JO-110D	Webster County Independent	Nettie GREGORY
JO-100C	Berkeley County Historical Society	
JO-165D	Log West Virginia Genealogy Society	
LO-67C	Bemis and Gladys, WV	Boyd "Rocky" SWISHER
LO-143C	Nicholas Co Pictorial History	Nettie GREGORY
ML-385	The Beheading of Casper Prisler	Gary SMITH
ML-222F	Lord Dunmore's Little War of 1774	Warren SKIDMORE & Donna KAMINSKY
OB-126N	Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram Obits	Eva NEWLON
OB-74	Obituaries (Various Years & Papers)	
SC-51	Walkersville School 60 th Anniversary	Estate of Opal JONES
SC-52	Jane Lew School 1972-1976	Estate of Opal JONES
SC-53	Lewis County School Placements,	Estate of Opal JONES

	Various Years	
VA-155	Colchester, Colonial Port on the Potomac	Joy STALNAKER
WV-328	West Virginia Communities (Histories)	
WV-256B	Weston Hospital Short Story w/1870 Census	Joy STALNAKER-Nettie GREGORY
WV256	Chg to WV-256A	
FA-556	West of Duckcreek Chg to FA-556A	
FA-556B	West of Duckcreek Errata & Additions	
LO-165	Doddridge County History	Joy STALNAKER
SI-50	Born Fighting	Clan Donald Collection
SI-49B	Scotch-Irish Festival at Winthrop College	Clan Donald Collection
SI-41A	Scotch-Irish Festival at Winthrop College Proceedings Volume I	Clan Donald Collection

The Late Elizabeth Reel Honored with John Hacker Award

Elizabeth REEL was a special part of the operation of the HCPD Library as the Thursday evening volunteer. Historians that we are supposed to be, we don't know exactly when she became our evening volunteer. To the best of some of our old-timers' memories, she began helping out about 1992 when we moved from the Louis Bennett Public Library to our own facility in the historic Weston Colored School.

Sometimes we wait too long to do the things we need to do. At the same time, there is no way we can honor every person at one time. Back in 2006, when we were selecting the John Hacker Award winner, we discussed Elizabeth and decided that she would be the 2007 winner. We're sorry she didn't live to accept the award herself.

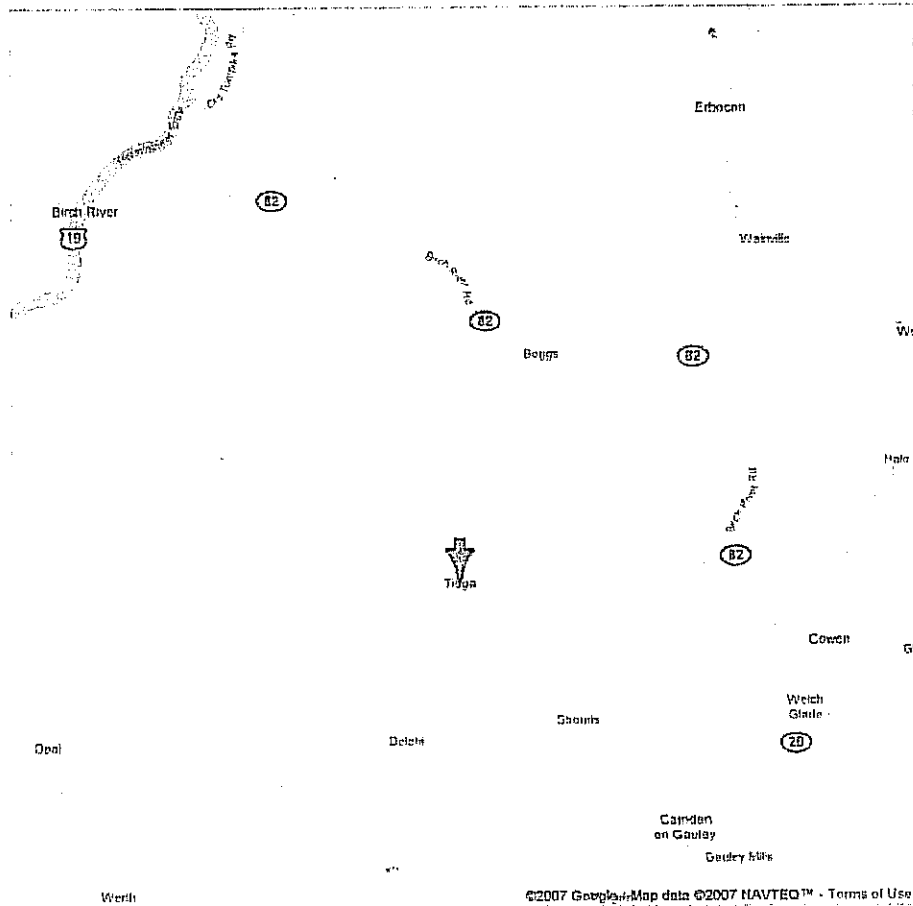
She was well represented by her husband Bob and three of her eight children, Roberta **SIMONS**, Sharon **HELMICK** and Carol **SPROUSE** pictured with their dad.



Mini Looks at Life

by Sherman Wade MALCOMB

I was born the 4th of February 1934 in West Virginia on a farm on the Nicholas & Webster county line. The property was considered in Webster County and all taxes and deeds were registered in Webster County. The post office was at Tioga which was 3 miles over into Nicholas County. The property was located on Strouds Creek which flows into the Gauley River.



The farm joined my grandfather's farm. The neighborhood was made up of the **CUNNINGHAM** farm on the mountain directly in front of us, grandparents to the left, and then the Allen **BROOKS** farm and then the Lewis **BROOKS** farm. The logging mill town of Tioga was 3 miles up Strouds Creek and at the head of Strouds Creek. Tioga had a post office, 3 stores, a jewelry store, a movie theater, pool hall, bus

service, train depot, a large rail yard, and a giant double band saw mill. Coal mines were located to the south of town approximately 4 miles on Beaver Creek. The mines were the Tioga Coal Co and the mill and lumber business was known as the Burch Valley Lumber Company. The railroad was known as the Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad and was later known as the B & O Railroad. My grandparents on my mother's side, OW and Flora **GROVES**, lived on the mountain above the big mill and the rear of the farm faced "Y" Hollow or Big Beaver. He had a nice farm and he worked at the mill.

My dad worked at the mines and farmed. A lot of our food came from the forest. He hunted as far as 20 miles away. Squirrel and rabbit were always available. My mother would can squirrel. Hunting and trapping brought in a portion of the money for the family. Fox, coon, mink and muskrats were the main moneymakers. Dotson **CARR** was the traveling fur buyer and he paid us a visit about every 10 days during fur season. When I could just walk good, I would tag along with my Granddad **MALCOMB** or my dad on their trap routes. Then when I got a little older, I started my own trap line.

On our farm we raised cows, hogs, and chickens. We raised corn and potatoes and had a large garden. The farm had an apple orchard. We had our coal mines on the place. When I was very small, I can remember the large rock crusher in front of the house when they were crushing rock for the road. The road to Camden or the Strouds Creek road was just being completed. Prior to this, our transportation was the train that ran within 100 feet of the front door. It had a passenger car and stopped at every house that held out their hand.

When I was 6 or 7 years old, I was responsible to see that there was plenty of coal and wood in the house for cooking and heating. I also had the yard work. Before school in the morning, I would feed about 100 chickens. After school, my job was to round up the cows. It was free range and the cattle could go anyplace that was not fenced. A lot of the times I would find the cows 3 miles away. Once they saw me and I got them turned toward home, they would walk home and I would follow them.

My Grandfather **MALCOMB** was a blacksmith and a self-taught vet. I would go with him all over the county as he doctored the animals. In his blacksmith job, he worked on the big trains at the rail yard in Tioga. Most of this was done at night. If I didn't have school, he would take me with him and let me watch him work on the trains. I saw

my grandparents from both sides of the family almost every day. My great great grandfather Pete **HAMMONS** was my idol. He had made his living as a hunting guide on the Holly River and Williams River when it was virgin country.

My dad always had a car but the car was for work or business. All other travel was done on foot. The car was never driven the 3 miles to Tioga to go to the store.

My Grandfather **MALCOMB**'s house was a beautiful house. It had 3 porches, a cellar under the house and a water pump in the kitchen, which made the house have running water. Out the kitchen door was the milk house complete with cream separators, butter machines and other processors. The dining table was solid wood and would handle about 16 people. The formal living room had an organ. The house had a sun room that was glass on one side and had small bleachers that held Grandmother's flowers.

Clyde, who was my dad's oldest brother, lived about a half mile down Strouds Creek from Granddad **MALCOMB**'s, at the mouth of a small hollow. He had a son named Sammy whom I played with the most. We were always along the creeks or in the woods hunting or fishing.

My Granddad **GROVES**' house consisted of a large kitchen with a porch and on the porch was a well that the drinking water came from and then the front room had a porch. My grandmother was disabled from arthritis and was bedfast as long as I can remember. His farm was spotless and looked like a picture.

At our house we always had visitors. Paige, one of mom's brothers, was always coming in from Virginia. Cora, her sister, and family came from Montgomery, West Virginia. Pat and Florence **BENNETT**, the **FOWLERS**, relatives of the **HAMMONS** family from Holly River.

There was no TV, computers or telephones. There was one telephone in the city of Tioga. We had a large battery powered radio. We had people to gather at the house and listen to the radio, especially on Saturday nights. We had no electricity until late 1949. Our water came from a well right out the back door or a spring in the holler (sic) about the house. There was no refrigeration so we had two large cellars that were underground that we used. Meat was salt cured.

Education in the Mountains

My first school was in a two-room school house on Strouds Creek about three miles down Strouds Creek from our house. I would walk to school until I was moved to Tioga which was about two miles from the house in the opposite direction. Since our house was on the county line they let me go to Nicholas County. The Tioga school was a six-room school. The 7th and 8th grades were in one room, the 5th and 6th grades were in one room, and the remainder of the rooms took care of all the others. After the 8th grade I went to Richwood High School, which was a twenty-three mile bus trip. All sports were after school and you had to live in Richwood in order to play on a high school ball team or be a part of the sports program. Richwood High School sat on the banks of Cherry River in the city of Richwood. No one was allowed to drive a vehicle to school. School started with a prayer each morning. Bible class was part of the school program.

Working as a Child

Shortly after my mother's death when I was about 15 years old, I went to work in the log woods on every day I had off from school. This included Christmas and other holidays. I started to work for Virgil **HANDSHAW** skidding logs with a horse called Morge. This was in the Mud Lick country about 3 miles from our house. I graduated to cutting timber with my first cousin Ronnie **GROVES** and then to working on the saw mill. Then Ronnie and I went to work for Essie **PATRICK** cutting timber until I joined the military. Prior to the log works I had the task of rounding up the cows in the evening, feeding the chickens in the morning, making sure that enough wood and coal was in the house to last the night and until the next evening, help do all other farm task on my days off.

Other Memories

Nina Jane was my youngest sister, she was born at home on May 14th, 1942. She was crippled and could not walk when she should. I went on numerous trips to Charleston, West Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore Maryland, with my dad and mom trying to get her some help. If my dad got any kind of information that a doctor could help her, he would go.

My older sister Lola and her husband Jr **HENSIL**, a World War II vet, moved to Maryland between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.,

after he got out of the military at the end of the war. Then on October 20, 1949, I went to school in Richwood on the bus. When the bus came back to Tioga, and I got off, I was told to rush home, my mother was sick. When I got home she was not there and had been taken to Sutton, West Virginia, to the hospital. She died October 3, 1949 of a hemorrhage. I was fifteen years old at the time. My sister Lola moved back from Maryland to take care of Jane and me. My dad never returned to the home place. He moved into a mobile home a short distance away but would not come back to the house.

I got a job in the logwoods driving horses and continued my high school. In 1952 I graduated and enlisted into the military. While I was at Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva, New York, Jane accidentally set herself on fire playing with matches and was severely burned. I went home on emergency leave while she was in the hospital in Richwood. She underwent numerous operations in Virginia but she would never be able to ever walk.

My first hitch in the military I spent in New York, Georgia, New Jersey; England, and Washington State. I got out and returned to West Virginia and went to work in the coal mines, the same coal mine my dad retired from.

Then one morning I got up and went to Beckley and re-enlisted in the military. I went to Pittsburgh, from there to Michigan, then on to Holland. There I met Jacomina **VAN DER GRIFT**. We married at the next duty station which was Fairchild AFB, Spokane Washington. We were married on 19th January, 1962. She left Holland on a boat on the 3rd of January and arrived in New York the 11th of January, 1962. She then took a Grayhound bus to Spokane Washington arriving there on the 18th of January. The next day we were married at Couer D'alene, Idaho. Anneke and Coby arrived on the 11th of August 1962 in Edmonton, Canada, and were driven to Spokane. Anneke was 12 and Coby was 7 and neither one could speak English. Carla was born the 19th of January, 1964 at the base hospital.

I did a lot of pheasant, quail and grouse hunting in Washington State and a lot of fishing. I left Washington in February 1966 and went to Steward AFB, Tennessee. We lived in Nashville. In January 1967, I went to Kunsan Korea, and Rita was born on August 30, 1967. I came back from Korea on February 14, 1968, and was assigned to Vandenburg AFB California. Quail, ducks, deer and wild hogs were the order of the hunt there.

In 1969 I was assigned as First Sergeant of the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, the only squadron in the Air Force that trained missile launch crews for the Strategic Air Command. This assignment ended my military police career which I started in 1953.

Then in September 1970, I left Stewart AFB for the NCO Academy in Louisiana. While in the academy, I got an assignment to NKP Thailand, November 30, 1970. This was a special operations group working in Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. One of our missions was to rescue air crew members shot down over Northern Viet Nam. I left that assignment and was assigned as First Sergeant of a Titan Missile Squadron at Wichita, Kansas, December 1971. Now I am right in the middle of pheasant country. I got my first Brittany dog there and kept a Brittany for years and years. June 1973 I was assigned as First Sergeant of A/C Maintenance Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage Alaska. This assignment I spent more time hunting than working. I killed numerous black bear, grizzly bear, dahl sheep, caribou, mountain sheep, moose and lynx and spent a lot of time salmon fishing and ice fishing. On June 30, 1976 we left Alaska via the Alkon highway for Alamogordo, New Mexico. This was my final duty assignment and I was lucky enough to get an assignment as the First Sergeant of the Security Police Squadron at Holloman AFB on June 1, 1978. Twenty-six years of military service ended and I retired from the military.

People I Remember from the Mountain Country

These are people that I can remember from my childhood from the mountain community in West Virginia:

- Mutt **FIDDLER**: He was my boy scout master.
- Dr George **HILL**: He maintained an office behind the hotel in Tioga. His wife Jane was his nurse. He was the only doctor for miles. He made house calls and delivered all the babies in the community at home that was not delivered by a mid-wife.
- Bob and Dick **CAMPBELL**: They owned Tioga which was a mill town. The mill, the company store, all the houses and all the electric and water came from the mill. The people worked at the mill, lived in a company house and shopped at the company store. We lived 3 miles out of town on Strouds Creek and my dad worked for the railroad or the coal mines.
- Ernest **FRAZIER**: He had a jewelry store and was a barber.

- Joe **DILLON** and Don **LOVE**: Engineers on the railroad that went by our house. I would stand in the yard and wave at them.
- Lee **UNDERWOOD** family: Had a store in Tioga at one time. Lee worked on the railroad and had 2 daughters – Delores and Mavis – that went to school with me.
- Checker **SIZEMORE**: Owned a store in Tioga.
- Banty **HINKLE**: Conductor on the Tioga railroad.
- Roy **FRAZIER**: The postman. Drove a pickup truck from Tioga to Camden on Gauley on the Strouds Creek Road and hauled passengers from Tioga to Camden. This was in the back of the pickup on wood benches.
- Flem **LEGG**: He had a large family of boys and girls. Lost several boys in the war. My cousin Johnny married Maxine, one of his girls. They had a nice large farm on Beaver Creek on the other side of the mountain from our house.
- Gene **BAILEY**: Enlisted in the military same time as I did. Went to military police school at the same time. He got out after the first hitch and married Mavis **UNDERWOOD**. Went to work on the railroad.
- Dick **LEGG**: Went into the military the same time I did. Got out and married a school teacher and became a big farmer on Beaver Creek.
- Charlie **CUNNINGHAM**: Lived on the mountain directly in front of our house. He was the head sawyer at the Tioga Mill. He had a house full of children.
- Milo, Dolen, Clyde and Gilbert **MALCOMB**: All my dad's brothers that lived within a mile of our house.
- Lewis **BROOKS**: Married to my dad's half sister and lived about a mile from us down Strouds Creek.
- Allen **BROOKS**: Lived on the hill above Lewis **BROOKS** and worked on the railroad. He also owned a grist mill that ground corn into corn meal. On Saturdays I would carry a bag of corn to his place to get it ground into meal for the bread.
- Ross **CURRY**, John **FOWLER**, Ernest **FOWLER**, Bud **BAUGHMAN**, Clyde **RIFFLE**, Virgil **HANDSHAW** and Pat **BENNETT**: All families in our neighborhood.

PLACES THAT ONLY MADE SENSE TO US MOUNTAIN FOLKS

- Walnut Holler: This was the valley that ran from the mill to the west towards Craigsville. No public road.
- The "Y": This was the point where Beaver Creek entered the valley where the big mill sat.
- Beaver Creek: This stream ran about 6 miles from the "Y" to the end of Tioga road.
- Strouds Creek: This stream started at Tioga and ran toward the Gauley River. It entered the Gauley at Allington about 7 miles from Tioga. It was named from the Strouds family that were killed by Indians.
- Morton Hollow, Mudlick, and Baber Ridge: Hunting territory for the community.
- Gauley, Cherry, Williams, and Cranberry: Local rivers that played a big part in our lives. Me and my dad spent many nights camping on the Gauley with only a blanket.

Tid Bits

When I started to high school I was told I needed eye glasses. My dad said I was too young to have bad eyes. A school teacher, Mr. DEITY, bought my glasses.

We always had a fox hound, coon dogs and a squirrel dog. This was without exception.

Electricity

The first electric power arrived in Strouds Creek and our house was in 1949, I was 15 years old. Prior to that, we had oil lamps, coal and wood to heat and a cellar underground to keep things cool. Our meat was smoked or cured by Morton Salt. Apples and potatoes were kept underground all winter to keep them from freezing. Our radio was a very expensive one and used a battery like a car battery. The record player was hand cranked. Water was from the well by hand.

Book Review

by Bette Butcher Topp

"Bound Away Virginia and the Westward Movement" by David Hackett FISCHER and James C. KELLY, published 2000 by the University of Virginia Press 366 pp., softcover, and indexed

This publication actually began as a catalog for an exhibition, at the Virginia Historical Society, to mark the centenary of Frederick Jackson TURNER's thesis on the 'significance of the frontier in American history'

Full of many interesting illustrations, it is a great example of one family, Nelson and Polly BRYAN, who decided in 1818 after months and maybe years of thinking 'why not make the trip west?'

Family records indicate Nelson BRYAN was born near Winchester, VA shortly before the American Revolution. He married Polly PETTY in 1806 and they produced six children in the next twelve years.

After making the monumental decision to travel to a new place, imagine how difficult it was to decide what to take with them, leave family and friends and head out.

They most likely traveled south through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley crossing into Tennessee in about six weeks, meeting many other families who had made the same decision.

They probably climbed up the great Cumberland Plateau using a primitive road that had been used by tens of thousands of immigrants for more than forty years and by the Cherokee Indians and animal herds for longer than anyone could remember. After two months or more, the Bryan family might have driven their wagon into the wide stream bottoms and rich soil in Middleton Co., just east of Nashville. They were actually following the advice of old friends who had bragged about the virtues of the land around Spring Creek.

Nelson and Polly BRYAN came to Spring Creek to stay but most of their children and their children's children continued the great migration. Their offspring moved to Missouri, Texas and California, continuing the cycle of family moves that had begun in Scotland and northern Ireland centuries before.

I believe this is a story of Americans who moved west to the

frontier and were truly "bound away." It is one that can be repeated in slightly different forms of every American family. We have been a nation of movers and many of us know when our ancestors came to America. For those who have been participants in part or all of the three great migrations in our history - from elsewhere to America, then from east to west, and finally from country to city. The fourth migratory trend in the last half century moved from city to suburb.

This book examines in detail one of the great migrations and how it effected one state profoundly. By doing so, it tells the sometimes neglected part of Virginia history. For some 300,000 Virginians the decision to move west was out of their hands. Although we tend to think of the westward movement as a white phenomenon, about one third involved in the process were black. Many African American living today in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Texas can, like Alex HALEY, trace their roots to the Old Dominion.

Today, many Americans are *Bound Away* seeking opportunities no less than those of our colonial ancestors who left Virginia in the early nineteenth century for new lives.

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Baked Steak

A West Virginia Sunday Dinner

About five years ago, we had a discussion on the list regarding a special meal served by West Virginians, most generally as "Sunday Dinner." This is a great place to share it with you.

You can use round steak, sirloin steak, or whatever. But it's an easy way to make cheaper cuts of beef yummy.

I usually buy one round steak, cut it in 6 pieces (trim off the fat). Sometimes I asked my butcher to cut it and "swiss" (tenderize) it. Sometimes I prefer to not swiss it and just tenderize it myself with a meat hammer (has little diamonds on the head) or chop it in some cross-hatches with the blade of my butcher knife.

Peel and slice 1 medium onion. Break the slices apart so that you have pieces of onion. Set aside.

Then, make mixture of 1 c flour, 1 t salt and 1 t pepper like you are going to flour chicken to fry. Dredge steak in flour mixture. For the next step, I prefer an iron skillet, but other skillets will work. Melt oleo, butter or butter-flavored Crisco in skillet, then brown

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A 25th ANNIVERSARY REVIEW OF CLERISSA TATTERSON'S JOHN COLLINS of FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by John J. HOOD
February 2007

PART II: UPDATE ON JOHN COLLINS "JUNIOR"

I have done little to double-check the work that Mrs. TATTERSON did on John COLLINS, Jr., but it would be beneficial for a review to be conducted. What we believe to be true about John Jr. paints a portrait of a man who was in many places over the course of his life.

It seems plausible that John Jr. was living on Morgan's Run off the Cheat River in Monongalia County in the early 1770's. He met his wife, Hannah COZAD, in that area as her father, Jacob COZAD, had patented a tract of land lying next to the COLLINS' tract. After John and Hannah were married, it's said that they moved to New Jersey.

Since there's a good possibility that the COLLINS family suffered during Pontiac's War, it is easy to understand that John and Hannah wanted to protect their young family from the barbaric type of warfare in which the Indians engaged (by leaving the Cheat River valley and moving to New Jersey). While they were in New Jersey, John and Hannah were witnesses to the last will and testament of David SUTTON, Hannah's maternal grandfather.

By the close of the Revolutionary War, John Jr. (as we currently understand it) left New Jersey and came back to West Virginia and began managing his land. He sold the 300-acre tract on Morgan Run of Cheat River to Samuel LEWALLEN in 1781, and began working on his land on the West Fork in Harrison County. This West Fork tract was originally claimed by William RICHARDS, who transferred it to Henry RUNYON, who in turn transferred it to John COLLINS. Both RICHARDS and RUNYON had settled along the West Fork (near what is now West Milford) in the early 1770's. Since they were present in the early 1770's, this is why I think that John Sr. and John Jr. may have made a deal with RUNYON before the Revolutionary War. The warrant for this land grant was issued on October 16, 1782. The survey was conducted on September 23, 1785, and title to the land was finally granted on September 27, 1787.

As mentioned earlier, John **COLLINS** is listed in the 1785 & 1787 personal property tax lists for Harrison County. I have also been concerned about John **COLLINS** Jr. described as being "of Hampshire County" when the Wolfe tract was sold in 1795. If there is one fact that Mrs. **TATTERSON** impressed upon me, it is that the most difficult part in researching "John **COLLINS**" is that there are many of them, and one must be very, very careful in telling one from the other. It appears as though it is still safe to believe that there was not another John **COLLINS** in Hampshire County, and that the one that sold the Wolfe tract could very well have been the same one on the West Fork.

The Wolfe tract was located on the (Great) Cacapon River and was over ten miles to the east of the old **COLLINS** home on the South Branch. The 1795 deed mentions that the tract is adjacent to the lands of Henry **FRY** and Jacob **HOOVER**. The early tax lists make it appear as there was no other John **COLLINS** in the area. In the 1782 list, Thomas **COLLINS** and William **MCGUIRE** (Thomas **MCGUIRE'S** oldest son who stayed in Hampshire County) were on the South Branch and were on William **BUFFINGTON'S** list. Henry **FRY** and Jacob **HOOVER**, on the Cacapon, appear on Levi **ASHBOOK'S** list. There is no John **COLLINS** on either list. In the 1784 tax list, Thomas **COLLINS** and William **MCGUIRE** appear on Michael **CRESAP'S** list. Henry **FRY** is on Abraham **HITE'S** list (Jacob **HOOVER** can't be found). In the 1784 list for the South Branch (by **CRESAP**), a John "**CULLINS**" [sic] makes his appearance. In the 1787 list made by Marquis **CALMES** (presumably on the South Branch), there is Thomas **COLLINS**, William **MCGUIRE** and John "**CULLINS**" [sic]. On George **BEALL'S** list for 1787 (which would be on the Cacapon) is Henry "**FREY**".

Barbara **MCFARLAND** (of Granville, Ohio) has checked other tax lists and has found entries for Henry **FRY** (1795, 1798 & 1799) and Jacob "**HOVER**" (1798), but there are is no one with the surname of **COLLINS** near them. It doesn't appear to me that there was another John **COLLINS** "of Hampshire County" who could have sold the Wolfe tract. In my mind, it greatly reduces (but it does not eliminate) the chance of mistaking the John **COLLINS** of the West Fork with another John **COLLINS** in Hampshire County.

In Mrs. **TATTERSON'S** work, she claimed that John and Hannah's daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Fayette County, PA in 1786. This is something that makes identifying John **COLLINS** difficult. If this daughter was really born in Fayette County, PA, was John **COLLINS** there? There are other **COLLINS** families in that area and it muddies the waters when we try to identify our John **COLLINS** when there are others in the same area at the same time. Or...could Hannah have been visiting with her relatives, the Suttons, who were instrumental in establishing Baptist churches in that region. It may also have been that John & Hannah's home on the West Fork had not been finished yet and she decided to have this child in another home.

Another issue that clouds the picture is that the earlier researchers didn't agree on the complete list of John and Hannah's children. They were in agreement on most of them, but there were some on which they did not agree. The table below gives the list of children as determined by three of the earlier researchers (this table was compiled by Bernie **CLARK**, and I grateful that he gave me permission to use it):

Proposed Children of John and Hannah (Cozad) COLLINS		
Clerissa TATTERSON	Bertha Fletcher KAMM	Mildred SCONE
Cornelius COLLINS , 1772 [m.2x]	Cornelius COLLINS , 1772 [m.2x]	Jacob COLLINS , 16 MAR 1775
Jacob COLLINS , 11 SEP 1773 NJ	Jacob COLLINS , 1773	George COLLINS , 16 MAR 1779
George COLLINS , 1775 NJ	Mary COLLINS , 1775	John COLLINS III, 05 JAN 1782
Mary COLLINS , 1777 NJ	Isaac COLLINS , 1778	Elizabeth COLLINS , 27 OCT 1783
Abigail COLLINS , 1785 NJ	John COLLINS III, 1782	Abigail COLLINS , 28 JAN 1786
Elizabeth, 1786 PA	Elizabeth COLLINS , 1785	Cornelius COLLINS 26 JAN 1790
Benjamin COLLINS , 03 MAR 1787	Benjamin COLLINS , 1787	Isaac COLLINS , 18 DEC 1791
John COLLINS III, 1790 NJ	George COLLINS , 1790	Eli COLLINS , 08 JAN 1794
(Isaac S. COLLINS 1791? VA)	Eli COLLINS , 1792	Hannah COLLINS , 26 SEP 1795
	Hannah L. COLLINS , 1795	Benjamin COLLINS , 26 MAR 1799
	Abigail COLLINS , 1797	
Omits Eli & Hannah	Date are approximate	Omits Mary

John **COLLINS'** son, Isaac, is shown as being born in 1792 in **TATTERSON's** work. This date is taken from Isaac's gravemarker in the Gainer-Shimer cemetery on Leading Creek in Calhoun County, West Virginia. This marker was purchased and installed by my great-grandfather, P. W. **COLLINS** in the summer of 1914. Where he obtained the date I have no idea, and, I therefore have no idea how accurate they are. What I am sure is that all the census records for Isaac **COLLINS** yield a fairly reliable birth year that differs a little from the one on his gravemarker.

Census Year	Isaac's reported age	Possible birth years
1850	61	1788 or 1789
1860	71	1788 or 1789
1870	80	1789 or 1790

Therefore, the better year to list for Isaac's birth is 1789.

There is material that has been in circulation for nearly 30 years that claims Isaac S. **COLLINS** was the father of Hezekiah **COLLINS** (1817-1903) of Leading Creek. Mrs. **TATTERSON** saw no such connection and I (as well) am certain there is no such connection. Isaac **COLLINS**, much like the earlier **COLLINS**men, transferred his land holdings to his sons. I have found deeds in Calhoun County, WV where Isaac and Rachel transferred their land holdings to their sons Thomas, John and Isaac (and they are identified as his sons in the deeds). I have not found where Isaac transferred any of his land to Hezekiah **COLLINS**.

In addition to that, there is another reason to believe that Isaac **COLLINS** is NOT the father of Hezekiah **COLLINS**: the names of Isaac's sons and daughters are listed in Minnie Kendall **LOWTHER'S** book on the history of Ritchie County, WV. Although **LOWTHER'S** book is notorious for its errors, the list that she provides matches what we see in the early census records (given the known birth-years for the children of Isaac and Rachel). As evidence, I present:

1820 Virginia Census, Lewis County

Isaac S. **COLLINS**

- 1 male under age 10 (This, certainly, is Felix)
- 1 male at least 26, under 45 (Isaac S.)
- 3 females under age 10 (Phebe, Hannah & Nancy)
- 1 female at least 26, under 45 (Rachel)
- 1 engaged in agriculture (Isaac is a farmer!)

1830 Virginia Census, Lewis County

Isaac [S.] **COLLINS**

- 1 male under age 5 (Probably John, but can't tell)
- 2 males at least 5, under 10 (One is Felix, the other Thomas?)
- 1 male aged 30 to 40 (Isaac S.)
- 2 females under age 5 (Barbara, Leah?[age is odd])
- 1 female at least 5, under 10 (Nancy? Age seems odd)
- 1 female at least 10, under 15 (Hannah)
- 1 female at least 15, under 20 (Phebe)
- 1 female at least 40, under 50 (Rachel)

1840 Virginia Census, Lewis County

Isaac [S.] **COLLINS**

1 male under 5	(Who's this?)
1 male at least 5, under 10	(Isaac N.)
1 male at least 10, under 15	(John D. or Thomas)
1 male at least 15, under 20	(Thomas or John D.)
1 male at least 20, under 30	(Felix)
1 male at least 40, under 50	(Isaac S.)
1 female under 5	(Young Rachel? Age is a little off)
1 female at least 5, under 10	(Barbara)
1 female at least 10, under 15	(Leah? Age seems off a little)
1 female at least 20, under 30	(Nancy, age seems OK)
1 female at least 40, under 50	(Rachel)

Note: Phebe married in 1835 and Hannah in 1836, so they had left home by 1840.

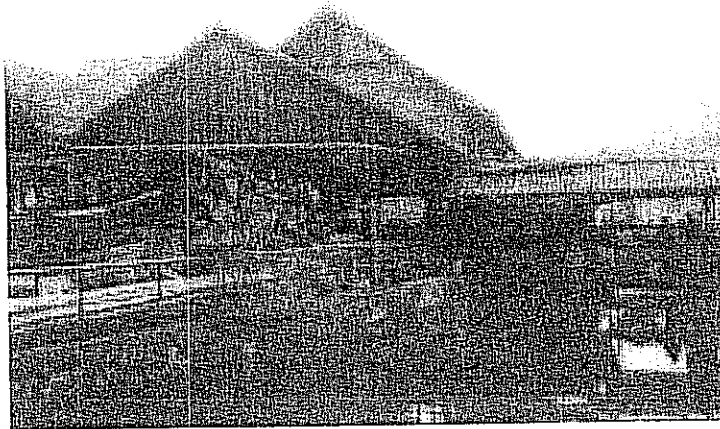
Although there is some difficulty with the ages of the children in the census records, the number of sons and daughters matches with the names in **LOWTHER'S** book, and **LOWTHER** does not list a Hezekiah **COLLINS**. The census records show that there is no room for an "extra" son named James Hezekiah **COLLINS** (or simply, Hezekiah **COLLINS**, which I believe is his real name). Rather than being the son of Isaac **COLLINS**, I strongly believe that Hezekiah **COLLINS** is the son of George **COLLINS**.

Editor's Note: Watch for Part III in Vol. XXVI, Issue 1!

From Rumbach to West Virginia

~ The WINEMILLER Story ~

by Joy GILCHCHRIST STALNAKER



The WINEMILLER Mill at Rumbach as it looks today.

1. Hans Friedrich (WEIN)MUELLER, b. ca 1600. He married Catherine SCHEIB, married ca 1624, b. ca 1602, d. aft 1650. Hans died aft 1659. Information on this family from Doug WINEMILLER.

1.1. Hans Friedrich (WEIN)MUELLER II, b. ca 1625. He married Magaret WEINMANN, married 27-Jan-1650, b. 1623, d. aft 1665. Hans died 1664.

1.1.1. Andreas (WEIN)MUELLER, b. ca 1650. He married Catherine TRAUTMAN, married 14-Mar-1675.

1.1.2. Hans Ludwig (WEIN)MUELLER, b. 25-Feb-1652.

1.1.3. Johannes "Hans" (WEIN)MUELLER, b. ca 1654. He married Susanna, married by 06-Apr-1679, b. ca 1658. Johannes died aft 1724.

1.1.3.1. Conrad WINEMILLER, b. ca 1682. He married Anna Dorothea STOEHR, b. 29-Nov-1684 in Rumbach, Germany, (daughter of Hans STOEHR and Catherine Margaret DITHMAR) d. AFT 1736. Conrad died 1724. Resided in Rumbach, Germany.

The mill that Conrad owned in Rumbach is still there and operating. Joy GILCHRIST-STALNAKER and her son, Jene GILCHRIST, visited there in 2001. It was then owned by Beno HELBLING who was a most gracious

host. In 2002, **HELBLING** was killed when a farm tractor tire blew up while he was changing it. One of **HELBLING'S** grandfathers, a **WEBER**, purchased the mill from Conrad's widow. Anna Dorothea remarried after Conrad's death. The children split up the money from the mill. One son, David, died. The daughter married and stayed in the region. Christoph also remained in Germany.

One of the cousins, now living in America, has copies of the requests for Johannes and Conrad to be allowed to go to the United States. Conrad was married to a Marie Catherine **SCHMIDT** prior to sailing for America. They had a daughter (Magdalena) just before the ship sailed. The money the boys received from the sale of the mill paid their way here.

1.1.3.1.1. Christoph **WEINMUELLER**, b. ca 1707. He married Maria Magdalena **LYONBERGER**, married 1731 in Germany, b. 11-Jan-1712 in Germany, d. 4-Dec-1756.

1.1.3.1.1.1. Johan Adam **WEINMUELLER**, b. 11-Aug-1756. He married Susanna Elisabet **STUTZMANN**, married 26-Feb-1756, b. 1758, d. 25-Dec-1813.

1.1.3.1.1.1.1. Johann Adam **WEINMUELLER**, b. 7-Jan-1787. He married Margaretta **BERNER**, married 1812, b. 6-Mar-1791, d. 9-Mar-1852. Johann died 7-Apr-1862. Emigrated to America 28 July 1832 from Rotterdam

1.1.3.1.2. David **WEINMULLER**.

1.1.3.1.3. Johan Conrad **WEINMULLER**, b. 1712. He married Marie Catherine **SCHMIDT**, married CA 1736.

1.1.3.1.3.1. Maria Magdalena **WINEMILLER**, b. 21-Mar-1738.

1.1.3.1.3.2. Johan (John) Caspar **WINEMILLER**, b. 2-Dec-1739.

1.1.3.1.3.3. Catherine **WEINMILLER**, b. 1741.

1.1.3.1.4. Johannes (John) **WEINMILLER**, b. Rumbach, the **PALITINATE**, Germany. He married Kristina¹ **REBER**, d. ca 1768 in York Co, PA. Johannes died ??-Aug-1784 in Fredericktown, MD.

According to Ernest **THODE**, German expert, Johannes **WINEMILLER** emigrated from Rumbach, Germany, in 1738. Sources: ***Emmigrants of Western Palatinate***; Berner Hacker's ***Emmigrants from Palatinate & Czarlan: Emigrants from the Palatinate to the American Colonies in the 18th Century***, compiled by Dr. Friedrich Krebs, Speyer, Germany.

Johannes **WYMULLER** (sic) arrived in the United States with his brother Conradt **WYMULLER** (sic) on 19 September 1738 aboard the ship *Thistle* from Rotterdam by way of Plymouth, England.

On the day of their arrival in Phialdelphia, both men, along with all other males over the age of sixteen, took their oath on September 19, 1738, in what must have been a very short ceremony. The ship's manifest served as the roster for the swearing in. Since the whole boatload were German immigrants who were swearing an oath of allegiance to a British King, there was probably very little pomp and ceremony.

In those days, ship's passenger manifests did not list female passengers at all and only those male passengers who were over sixteen years of age were counted. Records kept by the Zweibrucken Manumissions Protocol say Johannes emigrated as a single man and that Conrad immigrated as a married man.

Just where and when Johannes married Kristina has not been proven, but their first child John (Johannes) **WEINMILLER**, was baptized 1742 at the Christ Reformed Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania, followed by a daughter, Magdalena, in 1745. Baptismal records for sons

¹ Sometimes spelled Christina.

Christopher, born ca 1744, and Johannes Heinrich (Henry), born 1746, are not in the York church records.

Johannes had a land warrant in Lancaster County, PA, for 100 acres dated 25 May 1749. York County was founded from Lancaster County on 19 August 1749. This tract of land was along the Codorus Creek between Glen Rock and Seven Valley, being part in Shrewsbury Township and part in Codorus Township, now Springfield Township.

Then, in 1753, a fifth child, Johannes Frantz (John Francis) was baptized in the York church.

The senior Johannes does not surface in the records again until 1762 when he is listed on the York County tax records. No later tax records for him have been found, but it is known that he owned 260 acres of farm land in what was then York County (now Adams County.).

Probably by 1768 Christina was no longer living. John and son Heinrich moved on to Fredericktown, MD where Johannes bought another farm. Christopher was farming the home place in Adams County, probably buying it on contract, and finally assumed total ownership in 1775.

On 1 September 1775 Johannes sold his land to his son Francis for 25 pounds. It included the original land grant called "Gooseberry Hill," and another one dated 3 Jun 1768. According to the deed (DB G/18) his wife had died. He moved to Fredrick County, Maryland. In the early 1780's, he sold an additional 322 acres to Francis.

Johannes/John died Frederick County in 1784. According to an old Frederick County history, his son, Heinrich (Henry) was later interred in an old German Reformed Church Graveyard where is now the city park that holds the Baker Carillon. Perhaps that is where Johannes was also buried.

His will was written 21 Aug 1784 and probated 30 August of the same year copied from

Will Book G M2, page 96, 97, 98, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, MD, as follows:

In the Name of God Amen I John **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town Frederick County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of Sound Disposing mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and know that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament and first of all I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life and Dispose of the same in manner and form following Viz't.

Imprimis it is my Will and desire that in the first place that all my just Debts and funeral charges be paid off and Satisfied

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Magdalane **RAVER** wife of Abraham **RAVER** of York County and State of Pennsylvania the sume of Fifty two pounds specie to be paid by my Executor hereafter named of the money which he shall receive on the Bonds payable to me and as they become due

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Christopher **WINEMILLER** of York County and State of Pennsylvania the sume of One hundred pounds like money as aforesaid to be paid as aforesaid

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town Frederick County and State of Maryland the sume (sic) of Two hundred pounds like money as aforesaid to be paid as aforesaid

Item it is my Will and Desire that my Executive aforesaid cancel an Deliver up unto my Son in Law Christopher **HIVEL** a Bond which said

HIVEL gave me for Fifty two pounds like money as aforesaid with interest upon paid

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Francis **WINEMILLER** of York County and State of Pennsylvania the sume (sic) of five Shillings like money as aforeward to be paid as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Henry all the remaining part of my Estate both real and personal and lastly I do constitute and Appoint my son Christopher **WINEMILLER** Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and Disannulling all other former Wills and Testament by men in any wise before this time made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this Twenty first day of August

Seventeen hundred and Eighty four

Signed and Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the said John **WINEMILLER** to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us

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John x **WINEMILLER**
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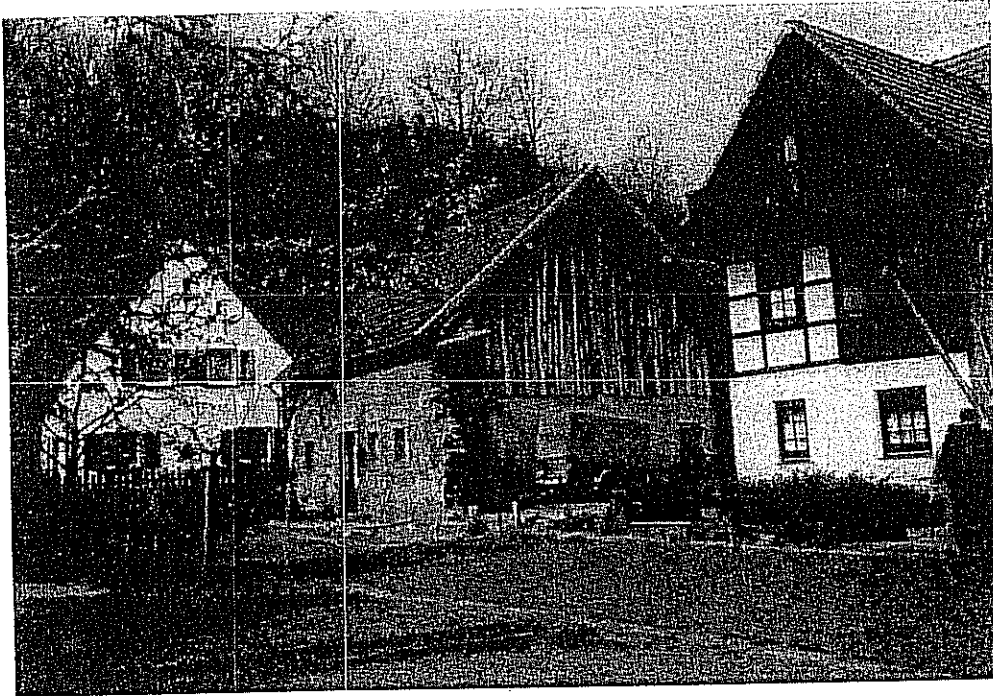
Rich. **BUTLER**
Nicholas **TICE**
Michael **ALLEN**

For his part, we could say old John, the German progenitor of the West Virginia **WINEMILLERS**, left his mark. To have owned 580 acres of farmland in Pennsylvania and a farm in Maryland marks him as a fairly successful man and, at the very least, an industrious one.

Heinrich, who was now Henry, inherited the Maryland farm from his father. He was also a

tinsmith and worked at this trade and farmed until his death in 1808.

The West Virginia **WINEMILLER** family descended from Henry through his son Henry who married Eleanor **NORRIS**. More on that family and their descendants in the next issue.



A date above the door in the building in the middle is believed to have been built by the **WINEMILLER** family shortly before they emigrated to America. Jene **GILCHRIST**, son of the author, is standing on the right in the picture. The photos with this story were taken with Gilchrist and the author visited Rumbach in 2001.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESTON?



On September 17, title to the 306.84 acres that includes the National Landmark Weston State Hospital was transferred to Morgantown businessman and West Virginia native Joe **JORDAN**. **JORDAN** had the winning bid of \$1.5 million for the property during an auction on the Lewis County courthouse steps on August 29. The purchase was confirmed by West Virginia's governor, Joe **MANCHIN**, a week later.

Following the auction, a reporter asked **JORDAN** why he purchased it. His first response was, "Stupidity" and his second response, "I always wanted to own a stone building."

Three cemeteries located on the property are the final resting place for about three thousand patients. These burial grounds were reserved by the state and will be maintained by them in perpetuity.

Anthony **JORDAN**, the owner's son, is the "front person" for the project. During a press conference and meet-and-greet sandwich luncheon held at the former hospital on September 19, A. **JORDAN**, said, "We are not going to tear down the old stone building, now or ever. We don't want to sell the property. We've had offers before, but we're not selling the property. This is something that will be passed down from generation to generation in our family."

Every roof on every building in the hospital complex is bad and needs attention. Before winter the **JORDANS** plan to "Band-aid" the roofs, including the clock tower. A crane to facilitate that work was moved to the property on September 20.

Repair work to the roof as well as the stone walls of the most northern wall of the main building will begin in early October. One tool the **JORDANS** are using in their repair work are blueprints and other documents facilitated by the Weston Hospital Task Force as part of the Save America's Treasures grant between 2000 and 2005. About \$500,000 of the \$1.5 million award was expended before the State of West Virginia determined to return the grant and sell the property.

The **JORDANS** have not determined on an exact development plan for the property. They have considered, among other things, establishing hotels in the stone building and the very large red brick structure in front and to the right of the stone building, and building a casino behind the property. This re-use would be in keeping with a positive 2004 vote by Lewis Countians that would allow in-house gambling on the hospital property if it were a hotel.

Other proposed ideas include a rental property, a college and a military school.

"There are a lot of different ideas that have come in. Ultimately, we'd like to have something that's beneficial to the city, county and the state, but those options are limited. We don't have a strong economic base to support a lot of those options," A. **JORDAN** said.

Public reaction to the **JORDANS'** purchase has generally been positive. They particularly like the family's willingness for the community to use the front lawn of the property for community activities like youth soccer, family picnic, and festivals. While there are some nay-sayers, particularly those who react to the owners' thoughts of creating a casino, the community is hopeful that circumstances there will jump start Lewis County's lagging economy.

Meanwhile, the **JORDANS**, with help from the Lewis County Economic Development Authority, the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, the Weston Historic Landmark Commission and Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, search for grant dollars and/or investors to assist with the monumental task of restoration.

"While the **JORDANS** are the owners, most West Virginians, particularly those of us in Central West Virginia, feel an ownership for the building and the property. The one comment heard throughout the sale process has been, "I sure hope they don't tear down the building. It symbolizes who we are."

Theme for the project and for events surrounding it in coming times: "Celebrate West Virginia's Greatest Treasure. Built by Mountaineers; Saved by Mountaineers; For Mountaineers; Forever. Are you a Mountaineer?"

Joy **STALNAKER**, local historian and a long-time volunteer involved with the building's preservation, said, "The Weston Historic Landmark Commission in conjunction with the **JORDANS** are holding a Fall Fest on the grounds October 26-28. The event will be free to the public; however, some vendors may charge for entertainment, i.e., inflatable rides for kiddies, carriage rides on the grounds, etc. Registration fee for vendors is \$25. The fee will help defray festival costs.

Haunted hayrides will be given October 19 and 20 and October 26-31. Word is awaited from the State Fire Marshal for plans to host interior tours of a section of the building beginning October 19 and continuing on weekends for an undetermined time.

Further details on the weekend event and other hospital updates will be found at <http://www.thewestonstatehospital.com>

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SUNDAY DINNER RECIPE – BAKED STEAK (cont.)

the meat on both sides in the skillet.

When brown, transfer meat to electric roasting pan, Dutch oven, or crockpot. In between layers of meat, put some of the onion.

Rinse the remains in the skillet with about a cup of water and pour that "juice" over the meat. Add 1 can of beef broth to the meat.

If you are using roasting pan or Dutch oven, bake at 350 for a couple of hours. Sometimes (like when I want to put it on to cook before going to Sunday School) I bake it at 250 for 3 or 4 hours. Using crock pot, cook it 6 hours or so. If using roasting pan or Dutch oven.

When done, lift the meat from the pan or Dutch oven. Heat remaining liquid (gravy) on top of stove to boiling. Make mixture of flour and water, and thicken the "gravy."

If you use a crock pot, you will need to transfer the liquid to a sauce pan for thickening. Crock pot too slow for this.

qBTW, some people prefer to use mushroom soup in place of broth. If you do this, you probably won't have to thicken the "gravy." The soup will do it for you. . . but will change the taste a bit.

Serve with mashed potatoes, green beans (cooked with salt pork and an onion cut in chunks for 3 or 4 hours), a little dish of apple sauce, a little dish cottage cheese, and coleslaw, for a "down home" West Virginia meal!

Ya'all come, now

JOY

JOSEPH LOUIS CHEUVRONT BIBLE

by Joy L. STALNAKER

From time to time, old records turn up. Recently, Stephanie MITCHELL, a researcher from the Midwest and a descendant of the HINKLE, TETER, VANDEVENTER, CASSEL, LAMBERT, BIBLE and other Pendleton County, West Virginia, families, unearthed a 1672 French Bible of another of her ancestors, Joseph Louis CHEUVRONT (b. France 1757, d. Harrison County, now West Virginia, 1832).

This well-preserved Bible might well become the Rosetta Stone of West Virginia genealogy. It contains a great deal of genealogical material about the families of the men in the fort, much of which is only hinted at or not found at all in other genealogical records. It also holds the Militia Muster Rolls for John SKIDMORE'S Company at Fort Henckel (modern spelling Hinkle) for June 6 and September 8, 1775.

Stephanie has given her permission for the muster rolls to appear on the website and in the Journal. However, she is presently retaining most of the other genealogical material in the Bible; she is transcribing the material and preparing it for publication. HCPD will be among the first to know when the Bible book is completed and offered for sale.

Meanwhile, we have the muster rolls to work with. For those persons interested in using the Bible muster rolls as proof for Daughters of the American Revolution and other similar heritage organizations, copies of these pages have already been submitted to NSDAR. So far, they have approved some applications based on the information in the Bible.

Pictures of the muster rolls can be accessed via our website at <http://www.hackerscreek.com/forthenckelmilitia1775.htm>. If you do not have a computer or access to one, you can request a photocopy from the HCPD office. There is a small charge for this service and would include a charge for postage. The address is found on the first page of the HCJ.

The names appearing on the 6 June 1775 as the "General Muster of Fort Henckel militia presided over by Johann Justus HENCKEL, Commander of Fort and Militia, Capt. John SKIDMORE Co." are:

Johann Justus **HENCKEL** Jr.
Moses **ELSWORTH**
Jacob **HENCKEL**
Adam **BIEWEL**
Paul **TEETER**
George **TEETER**
Phillip **TEETER**
Andrew **JOHNSTON**
Abraham **HENCKEL**
Isaac **HENCKEL**
Paul **HENCKEL**
Moses **HENCKEL**
Joseph **SKIDMORE**
Martin **PETERSON**
James **CUNNINGHAM**
Wm **CUNNINGHAM**
Christian **STRELY**
Joseph **CHEUVRONT**
Valentine Felty **CASTLE**
Peter **CHALLE**
Jacob **CHALLE**
Joseph **BENNETT**
John **BENNETT**
Wm **BENNETT**

John **BENNETT**
Johann **BIEWEL**
Wm **GREGG**
Jacob **RUDE**
Joseph **RUDE**
Robert **MINNES**
Godfrey **BUMGARDNER**
John **PHEARIS**
Thomas **MILLER**
Michel **MILLER**
George **MILLER**
Dan **HOUSE**
Jacob **HOUSE**
Matthias **HOUSE**
George **DUNKEL**
Jon **DUNKEL**
Zack **WEESE**
Jon **WEESE**
Jacob **WEESE**
Andrew **JOHNSTON**
John **SMITH**
Daniel **LITTLE**
Alex **ROBBINS**

The muster roll for 8 September 1775 has the same names in the same order except that it is signed:

s/Johann Justus **HENCKEL**
Commander

It should be noted that the double entry for Andrew **JOHNSTON** is correct. He was entered twice on the primary document.

Queries?????

1. Looking for Elk View Cemetery in or around Clarksburg West VA. Marcelle Marie **WERY** is buried there. She was born 6 March 1925 and died 6 March 1925. She was the daughter of Charles and Pearl **FITZPATRICK WERY**. Any help in locating this cemetery very much appreciated. Thanks Carol **YAKUPCAK** 11599 Hoover Ave Uniontown OH 44685

2. Seraiah **STRATTON** b. 7 Jul 1740 Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, died in Upper Tract of Pendleton Co., WV. after 1793. It is believed that his 2nd wife was Hannah **AUGER**. Who was his 1st wife? Have no further information on this couple, other than his daughter, Eunice **STRATTON** was b. 11 Nov 1771 Pendleton Co., WV and was wife of Charles **FISHER** before 1789. Eunice died 17 Aug 1862 probably in Pendleton Co. Have not found her death record. Bette Butcher Topp, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218
toppline@comcast.net [509] 467-2299

3. Aaron **HENRY** was b. ca 1740, m. Rebecca **BURRELL**, d/o Francis **BURRELL**. She d. after 1824 and Aaron's will was proved in 1824 - all in Monongalia Co., WV. Their daughter, Mary **HENRY** was the 2nd wife of Robert **MEANS**, who d. ca 1835 in Lewis Co., WV. Appreciate any information on this family. When did Mary die? Death record and location of Robert's death/burial. Bette Butcher Topp, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218
toppline@comcast.net [509] 467-2299

4. Have not had any luck in finding much info or records on Elizabeth **GIVINS** b. ca 1731 in Lancaster Co., PA. She was wife of William **STEWART**. He was from Co. Cork, Ireland and died 10 Feb 1811 near Stewarttown, Monongalia Co., WV. Elizabeth, who died in Jackson Co., WV, might have been daughter of Margaret **THOMAS**. Does anyone know of this family? Bette Butcher **TOPP**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218
toppline@comcast.net [509] 467-2299

5. New evidence recently found about Joseph **BENNETT**, b. 12 May 1755, Virginia, and d. 1810 in Pendleton Co, (W)V, indicates that he may have been married twice. In an effort to prove this, I am facilitating a mitochondrial DNA project and am searching for direct female line descendants of his daughters. If you can trace your maternal line directly back to one of Joseph **BENNETT**'s daughters, then you are a potential candidate for the project. Joseph's daughters were Mary Elizabeth, b 1770, who m. William **PETERSON**; Sarah, B 1780, m. Thomas **McCARTNEY**; Phoebe, b 1787, m. (1) Valentine **CASSEL**

and (2) Jacob **SPILLMAN**; Hannah, b 1788, m. Jonathan **HACKER**; Rebecca, b 1796, m. Isaac **COBERLY**; and Rachel, b 1800, for whom we have no marriage information. Currently, I have one direct female descendant from Hannah; she is Alberta Sue **DRUMMOND KEENE**. Her direct line beginning with Hannah is:

Hannah **BENNETT** m. John **HACKER**; their daughter
Sarah S. **HACKER** m. Daniel **BARNETT**; their daughter
Sarah Elizabeth **BARNETT** m. Zebedee **FISHER**; their daughter
Jessie Eva **FISHER** m. Albert J. **SEAWARD**; their daughter
Catherine L. **SEAWARD** m. John **DRUMMOND**; their daughter
Alberta Sue **DRUMMOND**

If you are a direct female line from any of the daughters of Joseph, this may be your opportunity to help us scientifically prove the names of Joseph **BENNETT's** wife or wives. Please contact me if you even think you would like to participate. I have received some donations which will help pay for the testing. BTW, the testing is easy and painless. A simple swab of the inside of the cheek is all that is required. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask them. Joy **STALNAKER**, 213 Linger Run Road, Horner, WV 26372
Phone 304-452-8495. joy1941@frontiernet.net

6. We are interested in any information regarding Nicholas **WOLF** who came from Maryland about 1768 into Randolph Co (Augusta Co, VA) or his sons Jacob and David **WOLF** moved on to the Hacker's Creek area in present day Lewis County. Please contact: W. Wirt **WOLF**, 300 E. William St., Salisbury, MD 21801. Phone: 410.742.8037

7. Need information on a Joseph **WOLFE** (bet. 1719-1749) whose daughter Mary (born 1747 in East Greenwich, RI and died Oct. 03, 1816 in Ohio) married Nicholas **CARPENTER** (b. 1743 in East Greenwich, RI and died Oct. 04, 1791 in Ohio). They were married 1763 in East Greenwich, RI. Their daughter Catherine married David **WALLACE SLEETH**. Lois Moore **COOPER**, 100 Millstone Drive, Beckley, WV 25801. e-mail: locoop@suddenlink.net

8. I'm looking for original source material on Charity **COON**, wife of Henry **HINZMAN**. Namely I seek documents that relate her to John **COON** and his service in the French & Indian War, and on her Mother, Mary **COZAD**, as well as documents related to Mary **COZAD'S** lineage.

Charity **COON** is thought to have descended from William **SUTTON**, who is recognized as one of the founders of New Jersey. I'm also trying to track down copies of: "The Sutton Family of New Jersey", Sutton ed. pages 6,7 and "First Settlers of ye Plantation of Piscataway and Wood bridge" Vol V p 869-870. by

Monnette, as well as "The **CONGER** Family in America" by M.C.**LEONARD** which contain the stories of her ancestors (if I can establish the connection to the **COZAD** family). Joel P. **HINZMAN**, 2718 S. June Street, Arlington, VA 22202-2252 PH: (703) 535-7888, Joel_Hinzman@hotmail.com

9. Can anyone help me find the the correct parents for Mary Ann **DEAN** who was the mother of Kyle **DEAN** who was born abt. 1858.

I have been told that she is the daughter Of William and Nancy **KILLINGSWORTH DEAN**.

1870 W Va Census James **BRAGG** 37; Mary Ann 38; step-sons **GIBSON**-- Kyle 12, Sam 10, Andrew 7

1880 W. Va. Census James **BRAGG** 57; Mary Ann 52; step-sons **DEEN**-- Wm. S. 24, Josiah K. [Kyle] -- 21, Samuel-- 18, Andrew-- 16 .

Kyle **DEAN** married about 1893 . Kyle **DEAN** had a daughter born in 1884.

Kyle **DEAN** died in a coal mine accident between 1883-1895

If anyone can help me verify Kile/Kyle/Josiah K. to Mary Ann **DEAN**, d/o William and Nancy **KILLINGSWORTH DEAN**, the marriage of Kyle **DEAN**, the death and burial of Kyle **DEAN**, or with any information on Kyle **DEAN** and his brothers Samuel and Andrew, I would be very grateful. Ronda V. **RIFFLE**, 311 W. Madison Ave., Wheaton, Il. 60187 rifle34@sbcglobal.net

10. Looking for the parents and siblings of Alexander **WIER**, b. 1792 in Co. Tyrone, Ireland. It is unknown when he came to America. Alexander married Sarah **COURTNEY**, daughter of Michael **COURTNEY** and Nancy Ann **GEORGE** on 28 October 1822 in Monongalia Co. Any information greatly appreciated. Peggy **TEBBETTS**, tcf@genealogist.net

11. Looking for the father of Nancy Ann **GEORGE**, who was born about 1769 in VA. Nancy Ann's mother was Susannah **ROY**. Nancy Ann married Michael **COURTNEY** about 1791 in Monongalia Co. Any information greatly appreciated. Peggy **TEBBETTS** tcf@genealogist.net

12. I am looking for Christopher (might have a first initial of J.) **ANTHONY** who married Mildred Ann **SHELTON** on 14 Jun 1841 in Randolph County. I can't find his death record, but Mildred remarried on 19 Aug 1849 to Andrew **KITTLE**, also in Randolph County. Christopher and Mildred had 3 sons: William J. **ANTHONY**, b. 24 June 1842; James Knox Polk **ANTHONY**, b. 26 Sep 1845; Joseph **ANTHONY**, b. 1846. So Christopher must have died between 1845 and 1849. William J. is my great-great grandfather. I don't know what the J. is for in William J, since the second son is named James, and the third son is named Joseph?? Joseph comes from Mildred's father, William Joseph **SHELTON**.

William J. **ANTHONY** married Anna Jane **KITTLE**, daughter of Ovid **KITTLE** and Mildred **BROOKS KITTLE**. William and Jane are buried in the Rock Cave Cemetery in Upshur County. Louise **MCCOMAS**, 1330 Bobwhite Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087

13. Looking for any information on the **WATKINS** family in Lewis or Harrison Co, WV. My great-grandmother was Florida **WATKINS FESLER** and lived in or around Clarksburg, WV. Alberta Sue **DRUMMOND KEENE**, susiek38@hotmail.com, address

14. Still searching for any information on my grandfather's **DRUMMOND** family connection. Jasper Newton **DRUMMOND** was placed in poor house at about age 5. He was born May 27, 1888. Mother listed as Amanda **DRUMMOND**. No father named. There was another Jasper Newton **DRUMMOND** in a previous generation but don't know if there is a connection. I have been searching this brick wall for years. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks to all of you that have tried to help thus far. Alberta Sue **DRUMMOND KEENE**, susiek38@hotmail.com

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